

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated May 17, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 4, 14 and 18 have been amended and claim 20 has been newly added. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 3-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,823,361 to *Babbs* (hereinafter "*Babbs*"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As required in Chapter 2131 of the M.P.E.P., in order to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102, "the reference must teach every element of the claim." The Applicant respectfully submits that *Babbs* does not teach every element recited in claims 1 and 3-19. Thus, *Babbs* cannot anticipate these claims.

With regard to claims 1, 3 and 7-19, claims 1, 14 and 18 have been amended to recite a cassette device which includes, among other features, "at least two rectangular supporting bars..." The Applicant submits that *Babbs* does not disclose this feature. While *Babbs* does disclose support rods 128, the Applicant submits that the support rods are not rectangular. On the contrary, as may be seen in column 6, lines 30-32, the support rod are round. Accordingly, *Babbs* does not disclose all the features recited in claim 1 and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Similarly, claims 3 and 7-13, 15-17, 19 and 20, which variously depend from independent claims 1, 14 and 18, are allowable for at least the same reasons.

With regard to claims 4-6, claim 4 has been amended to recite a liquid crystal display panel supporting cassette device which comprises, among other features, liquid crystal display panels that include “a first substrate having a plurality of thin film transistor arrays and a second substrate having a plurality of color filters such that the first and second substrates are bonded together.” The Applicant submits that *Babbs* does not disclose this feature. Rather, *Babbs* discloses a single substrate supported in each slot of the cassette device. *Babbs* fails to teach or suggest supporting an entire liquid crystal display panel including first and second substrates bonded together. Accordingly, claim 4, along with claims 5 and 6, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited reference and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action also rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Babbs* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,236,548 to *Stadler et al.* (hereinafter “*Stadler*”). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As required in Chapter 2143.03 of the M.P.E.P., in order to “establish *prima facie* obviousness of the claimed invention, all the limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.” The Applicant respectfully submits that neither *Babbs* nor *Stadler*, either singularly or in combination, discloses or suggests each and every element recited in claim 2. As detailed above, *Babbs* fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 1, the base claim from which claim 2 depends. Moreover, *Stadler* fails to address the previously noted shortcomings of *Babbs*. Therefore, claim 2 is allowable over the cited references and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicant’s representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to

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contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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